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MEXICAN LAW ENFORCMENT LOCATE MISSING JUVENILE AT RISK

On Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 5:22 p.m., 14 year-old Anna Hernandez was found deceased behind an apartment complex in a large canyon area. The victim's cause of death was ruled a homicide. Investigators at the scene learned that two companions of the victim had run-a-way; the two were identified as 12 year-old Nelly Espinoza and 16 year-old Janeth Mendoza. It was learned both had fled to Mexico.

The San Diego Police Department has a great working relationship with Mexican Law Enforcement. The two missing juveniles' information was relayed to Mexican Law Enforcement including their information and photographs.

Since Nelly Espinoza's disappearance, her family in Mexico has been actively looking for her. Today, Nelly's grandfather located her in Tijuana and sought the assistance of the Baja California State Preventive Police (PEP). The grandfather brought Nelly to the San Ysidro port-of-entry and turned her over to U.S. Customs officers and San Diego Police Department Investigators. Nelly was not the victim of any crime and she was not injured in any way.

Nelly will be cared for and reunited with her mother. The whereabouts of Janeth Mendoza is still not known at this point of the investigation.

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